

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
FOREST SERVICE
LINCOLN NATIONAL FOREST SERVICE
GUADALUPE RANGER DISTRICT**

AREA CLOSURE

PROHIBITIONS:

Pursuant to 16 USC 551 and Title 36 CFR 261.50(a) the following acts are prohibited in the area described in this Order and as depicted on the attached map hereby incorporated into this Order as Exhibit A (the “restricted area”), all within the Guadalupe Ranger District, Lincoln National Forest, Eddy County, New Mexico:

- 1. Sitting Bull Falls Day Use Area is open.**
- 2. Entering, using or being in the areas surrounding Sitting Bull Falls Day Use Area is prohibited for public safety and resource protection , 36 CFR 261.50(a). (see attached map)**

EXEMPTIONS:

Pursuant to 36 CFR 261.50 (e) the following persons are exempt from this order:

1. Persons with a Forest Service permit specifically authorizing the otherwise prohibited act or omission.
2. Any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or firefighting force in the performance of an official duty.

AREA DESCRIBED:

The Closed area extends from the area surrounding Sitting Bull Falls Day Use Area up the canyon accessed at the end of Forest Road 277, 525, 525A, 525C and Forest Trails 68, 68A 212, 214, 215, 217, 226 . (As Shown on the attached map)

PURPOSE:

To allow the natural processes to stabilize the terrain in the specified area and for public safety.

IMPLEMENTATION:

1. This Order shall be in effect when signed and shall remain in effect until further notice.
2. This Order supersedes, rescinds and replaces any previous Orders prohibiting the same acts covered by this Order.

3. Any violations of these prohibitions are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for individuals and \$10,000.00 for organizations and/or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both. [Title 16 USC 551, Title 18 USC 357(b)(6), Title 18 USC 3581(b)(7)].

This Order becomes effective at **Noon (12:00 PM), April 28, 2012**, and will remain in force until rescinded or until **11:59, December 31, 2012**, whichever occurs first.

Signed in Alamogordo, New Mexico this 20th day of **April, 2012**.

/s/Robert G. Trujillo

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